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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

NICOLE Banks, Independent ) Docket No. 24 C 3271  
Administrator for the estate of )  
Dexter Antonio Reed, )  
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Plaintiffs, )  
 )  
vs. )  
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CITY OF CHICAGO, ALEXANDRA )  
GIAMPAPA, THOMAS SPANOS, GREGORY )  
SAINT LOUIS and AUBREY WEBB, )  
 )  
Defendants. )  
 ) Chicago, Illinois  
 ) October 22, 2024  
 ) 1:42 o'clock p.m.

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS - SETTLEMENT HEARING  
BEFORE THE HONORABLE JEFFREY I. CUMMINGS

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1           THE CLERK: 24 C 3271, Banks vs. City of Chicago, et  
2 al.

3           Counsel, please state your name for the record  
4 beginning with plaintiff's counsel.

5           MR. STROTH: Andrew M. Stroth for the plaintiff.  
6 Do you want all counsel?

7           THE COURT: Yes, you might as well.

8           MS. BEDI: Sheila Bedi, also for the plaintiff.  
9 B-e-d-i.

10          MR. HART: Steven Hart, Hart McLaughlin & Eldridge,  
11 for the plaintiff.

12          MR. SHEEHAN: Michael Sheehan and Elizabeth Winkowski  
13 on behalf of the City of Chicago.

14          MR. SCAHILL: Timothy Scahill on behalf of the  
15 individually-named defendant Chicago police officers.

16          MS. FRONCZAK: And Caroline Fronczak. I am just here  
17 as a representative of the City of Chicago.

18          THE COURT: Okay. Thank you all.

19          So, we have had a settlement conference and I  
20 understand that the parties have a tentative agreement that is  
21 subject to City Council approval; is that correct?

22          MR. STROTH: Yes, your Honor.

23          THE COURT: Okay.

24          MR. SHEEHAN: Yes, your Honor.

25          THE COURT: So, Mr. Stroth, would you like to state

1 the agreement; and, then, have defense counsel listen and add  
2 anything in, if you need to.

3 MR. STROTH: Yes, your Honor.

4 The parties have agreed to a financial settlement of  
5 \$1,250,000.

6 The parties have agreed that they will make the best  
7 efforts to present this settlement to the Finance Committee and  
8 City Council by January 20, 2025.

9 In addition, the parties have agreed to develop  
10 proposed language regarding the elimination of traffic stop  
11 quotas and productivity incentives.

12 We will share our proposed language with opposing  
13 counsel by October 25th. And we would like to have a follow-up  
14 status hearing with your Honor on November 4th.

15 THE COURT: Okay.

16 Ms. Chambers, what does our calendar look like for  
17 November 4th?

18 THE CLERK: Just a second, Judge.

19 (Brief pause.)

20 THE CLERK: November 4th at 11:00 a.m.?

21 MR. STROTH: Yes, ma'am.

22 THE COURT: Okay.

23 Anything to add to that from the defense team?

24 MR. SHEEHAN: Yes, your Honor, just to add to that.

25 The parties also discussed that it would be a

1 dismissal of the individual officers with prejudice; and, the  
2 settlement would be that the financial responsibility falls  
3 upon the City.

4           You already articulated that, subject to City Council  
5 approval, in that there would be a release of any and all  
6 claims by the plaintiff.

7           And that is all I would add.

8           MR. STROTH: Yes, we agree.

9           MR. SHEEHAN: And, then, just last, I guess, you know,  
10 as we conveyed to the Court, the City will make its best  
11 efforts to see if we can get it on the calendar for January,  
12 but we cannot guarantee that at this point, just because there  
13 is a docket as to how many cases they present.

14           And we will go back and discuss that further with  
15 plaintiffs, when we have more information.

16           MR. STROTH: We understand.

17           THE COURT: Okay.

18           And, so, I think that reflects the agreement.

19           I will keep the transcript of today's hearing -- or  
20 settlement recitation -- under seal until further notice, and  
21 give you all the time that you need to do, to work it through  
22 the City Council process.

23           Is there anything further from plaintiff's counsel  
24 today?

25           MR. STROTH: Your Honor, thank you so much for today.

1           Nothing further from plaintiff.

2           MR. SHEEHAN: On behalf of the City and the City  
3 representatives, thank you, your Honor.

4           THE COURT: Okay. You're welcome.

5           And I want to thank you all for your patience -- and,  
6 particularly, the family -- and thank you for coming back a  
7 second time and being open to compromise and reaching the  
8 result that you tentatively agreed to here today.

9           I wish everyone the best.

10          Have a good afternoon and I will see you on November  
11 4th.

12          MR. STROTH: Thank you, your Honor.

13          MS. BEDI: Thank you, your Honor.

14          MR. SHEEHAN: Thank you.

15          MS. WINKOWSKI: Thank you, your Honor.

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17 I certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript from the  
18 record of proceedings in the above-entitled matter.

19 /s/ Joene Hanhardt  
20 Official Court Reporter

February 18, 2025

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